GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:225
ANSWERED ON:17.12.2003
INHUMAN TREATMENT OF HINDUS IN BANGLADESH
YOGI ADITYANATH

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of inhuman treatment meted out to Hindus in Bangladesh have come to the notice of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government to prevent the same and the result thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA)

(a) to (c) A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in parts (a) to (c) of the reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 225 to be answered on 17.12.2003

(a) to (c) Reports of violence and atrocities against minorities in Bangladesh are received from time to time. The primary responsibility for the protection of the life, liberty and property of all citizens of Bangladesh, including minorities, rests with the Government of Bangladesh. However, it has been conveyed at the highest levels of the Government that such incidents have an adverse impact on public sentiment in India should be strictly dealt with. The Government of Bangladesh have stated that they are committed to safeguarding minority rights; that many of the incidents are not communal in nature and arise from disputes of a political or private nature and that stern action would be taken against the culprits.